



Wildfires on Protected Federal, State, and Private Lands, 1990

WILDFIRE

Description

A *wildfire* is any instance of uncontrolled burning in grasslands, brush, or woodlands. Wildfires can be caused by lightning, human carelessness, or arson.

Related Hazards

Soil erosion, landslides, and flash floods are often secondary events of wildfires.

Geographic Considerations

Wildfires can occur in all wooded, brush, and grassy areas—especially those in Kansas, Mississippi, Louisiana, Georgia, Florida, the Carolinas, Tennessee, California, Massachusetts, and the national forests in the western States.